

ORDINANCE

DEFINING VETO PROCEDURE

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Six

The City of Nashua ordains that Chapter 2, "Administration," Article II, "Board Of Aldermen," Division 2, "Rules and Order Of Business," Sec. 2-43 "Necessary procedure for passage," subparagraph (h)(3) of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, as amended, be further amended by deleting the struck-through language and adding new underlined language, as follows:

Sec. 2-43(h)(3) Upon reaching the vetoed item of old business:

- a. The board may take action by a motion to reconsider, made by a member who voted with the prevailing side on the original vote. A vote to reconsider shall be effective on a simple majority vote of those members present and voting.
- b. If no motion to reconsider is made, or if a vote to reconsider fails to pass, the vetoed item shall not take effect. A failed vote to reconsider may be reconsidered at the next regular meeting of the board, but not following that meeting's adjournment.
- c. If a vote to reconsider prevails the board may, (ii) upon motion of any member, vote to override the mayor's veto, or amend followed by a vote to pass or table or refer to committee; or reject, or indefinitely postpone, or table or refer to committee.

either:

- (i) Take any action on the subject matter of the veto as is permitted by the board's rules upon reconsideration; or,
- d. If the mayor's veto is overridden by affirmative <u>roll call</u> vote of at least ten (10) members of the board, final passage over the veto shall become effective.
- e. If the vote to override does not prevail, the board may then take any action on the subject matter of the veto as is permitted by the board's rules upon reconsideration.
- e. If the vote to override fails, the board may then vote to amend followed by a vote to pass or table or refer to committee; or reject, or indefinitely postpone, or table or refer to committee.

- f. Any vetoed item that is, upon reconsideration, amended and passed shall be subject to the mayor's veto in its amended form.
- f. A prevailing vote to substantially amend and pass the vetoed item cancels all previous action and the amended item is treated as a new measure, subject to the mayor's veto in its amended form.
- g. The option to override the mayor's veto following a successful vote to reconsider is unaffected by the vetoed item being either tabled at the full board or referred to committee and is preserved until the item is finally disposed of by the board of aldermen, either by override, or amendment and passage, or rejection or indefinite postponement.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.